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Man, covered in blood, wanders into Didsbury home

BY JODI STYNER Didsbury Review

Talk about rude awakenings

A Didsbury man woke up Wednesday to see a strange man covered in blood standing in his bedroom and his brother-in-law next to him screaming.

Matt Nation, 25, describes the events that followed as "the weird-est morning of my life."

It actually began about four hours earlier when an 18-year-old man walked into the rural Didsbury home Matt shares with his sister Emily, brother-in-law Daniel and their six-month-old baby, and crawled into Matt's bed.

At about 3:30 a.m. Matt, who had fallen asleep on a nearby couch, looked over and saw a figure in his

"I thought that was kind of weird at first, but then I figured maybe Daniel had a tiff with my sister and he came downstairs to sleep," said

He didn't think anything more of it; just rolled over and went back

to sleep. At 7:30 a.m., Daniel and Emily were in the garage smoking when the bloody stranger walked out the back door and into the garage.

Daniel's immediate reaction was to confront the man, which resulted in a chase that ended back in Matt's room.

Daniel figured the guy must be a friend of Matt's so he started yelling at him to get up and explain what the heck was going

Matt didn't have a clue, so he started yelling too.

"I was ready to kill him, quite frankly," said Matt. "It's the whole shoot first, ask

estions later kind of thing. Matt demanding started

nswers, but got little response. "I could see he was scared. I'm a big guy, like 300 pounds, and he was like 'I don't know who I am, I don't know where I am, I don't know anything,'" said Matt.

"He was genuinely scared, so I

ased up a bit." Matt locked the confused man in the basement and immediately called the Didsbury RCMP detach-

"I said, 'get a cop here now, I'm

going to kill this guy," he said.
"My sister's got a baby upstairs so she's a little paranoid about that, and we're all freaking out."

After about 10 minutes, Matt lead the stranger, who was missing one

"You've got to be totally out of it to walk into a complete stranger's house and crawl into a bed with a 300-pound biker sleeping on the couch beside you."

> MATT NATION Didsbury resident

shoe and sock, outside to talk.

Things slowly started coming

"I think I had an accident last night," he said.

"I went through the windshield." Before long, the man was able to remember he was "a farm kid" from Saskatchewan, who was working at Alta. Genetics in Balzac and competes in rodeo.

He had been driving home from the weekly Tuesday night rodeo practice put on by Olds College when, he said, he fell asleep and drove off the road.

Having calmed down, and now concerned the man may have a serious head injury, Matt decided to go back in the house and call 911 to get an ambulance on scene.

Didsbury RCMP arrived shortly thereafter and questioned the man, was then taken to hospital and treated for minor injuries, according to Corporal Kevin Fischer.

investigation, further Upon police found the vehicle down in a gully, about half a mile from the just south of Westcott Rd off Hwy 2A.

Corp. Fischer confirmed the man's age and estimates the accident took place between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.

When asked if alcohol was a factor, Cpl. Fischer said, "There's no indication of that, but we believe alcohol was involved.'

No charges are pending. Alcohol or no alcohol, Matt said the man was clearly not himself.

"You've got to be totally out of it to walk into a complete stranger's house and crawl into a bed with a 300-pound biker sleeping on the couch beside you," said Matt.

"I feel bad for freaking out on him, but all things considered, I mean, he freaked us out."

Didsbury Trade Show sold out

BY JODI STYNER

For the first time in 22 years, the Didsbury Trade Show is sold out.

This year's record-set-ting event, scheduled for March 31 and April 1, boasts more than 100 booths and 92 exhibitors.

"I can't believe the overwhelming response we have had with this year's Trade Show," said committee co-chair Greg Poirier.

The annual Trade Show has grown every year since it began in 1985, to the point that it is now considered a destination event by Travel Alberta.

It's also the biggest trade show in Mountain County, utilizing 36,650 sq.ft of floor space on three ice surfaces, in addiion to the Multi-Purpose

There are a number of factors that contribute to the Show's success including good promotion, dedicated volunteers and fresh ideas, said Poirier's co-chair Kathleen Windsor.

"It has evolved from a 'trade show' to a complete art, travel and trade exposition," she said.

"...it is definitely more than just a trade show."

Exhibitors who have attended in the past, keep coming back.

Lowell Grasse, owner of Grasse Lumber and a repeat exhibitor, said deciding to get involved this year, as both an exhibitor and job board sponsor, was a no-brainer.

'It gets a lot of foot traffic for a two-day thing," he said.

"It gets a lot of exposure in the community, so it's a good place for us to showcase new products or just say hi

to existing customers." The Trade Show Committee brings out something new each year too, according to Windsor. This year there are a few

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RUDE AWAKENING - Matt Nation holds his seven-month-old neice Jasmin Steffen at their rural family home south of Didsbury. An injured man mistakenly crawled into Matt's bed terrifying the family last week





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EAST MEETS WESTGLEN – During last year's visit, Westglen students Abigail Crawford, 12, and Michele Pochapsky, 13, receive a lesson in kimono customs from Japanese exchange students Ai Saegusa and Ayako Suzuki.

Japanese students visit Didsbury

BY JODI STYNER Didsbury Review

Didsbury will get a little taste of Japanese culture next week when 15 teenagers and three chapErones, from Miki Town, Japan arrive in

It will be a whirlwind visit for the teens, who will stay in Canada for just a week, the length of their

spring break from school. They'll spend the first five days, from March 22 to

26 living with Didsbury families, before making a stop Banff, and then heading back home.

First on the program agenda will be a welcome dinner in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on March 22

On Friday the group will go to the Calgary zoo and shopping at Sunridge Mall.

Then on Sunday they'll get a Canadian wilderness prelude to their Banff trip

when they visit a cabin west of Red Lodge belonging to Town development planner Robert Wigg.

Sunday night Japanese students will play host, throwing a "sayonara party" at the MPR.

"The sayonara party is cool," said Smith.

"They put it on as their goodbye and the kids have practiced a dance and music; it's really neat."

Westglen students will an opportunity to

culture and education when their new friends give them a presentation at the school on their last full day in Didsbury, Monday, March. 26.

Smith encourages everyone to be friendly and wel-come the teens and their chaperones with open

All of the students are in Grade 9 or 10 in their native Miki Town, but they will be matched up with Westglen students during their stay, said Luana Smith, municipal clerk for the Town of Didsbury.

"Culturally they're better matched to Westglen age and it's easier for us to work with a non-high school setting because of the regular class schedule, said Smith.

"So it works well for a

couple of reasons." She said last exchange group all gave positive feedback on their experience and she's sure

that will happen again.
"Everyone loved it," said Smith.

"A lot of the kids want to come back."
Smith had the opportuni-

ty to visit some of last year's students when she and Mayor Dorothy Moore visited Miki Town in the

She said one of the girls will, in fact, be returning to Canada this year, through another exchange, this time to Toronto.

Two other boys who vere billeted with a Didsbury family last year have vowed to make a return visit to the family when they turn 21, she

The Miki Town program actually began as an exchange with the U of C medical faculty and was expanded from there by a Japanese professor who wanted to give children a

similar opportunity. Smith said Didsbury was chosen after he attended the Trade Show and later met with the school and Chinook's Edge chair Roy



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The first is a fashion

gment, which includes bridal/grad fashion shows, with dresses and tuxedos modelled by members of Didsbury High School's graduating class, and players from the Mountain View Colts

hockey team. "We're trying to keep it all within the community, except for the bridal store," said fashion show

organizer Tara Windsor. Two shows will take place Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Then on Sunday a showcase of some of Didsbury's local clothing stores, including Voszler Designs, Fashions on Main, The Closet and Option Elle, will run. Kathleen Windsor said

the fashion show is a perfect example of the Trade Show committee using fresh ideas to expand on the Chamber's "local first" motto.

She said it gives local stores a chance to show residents that there are really nice, top quality clothiers right here in Didsbury" and residents don't need to leave town to find what they're looking for.

Expanding the "Didsbury showcase" element of the Trade Show began two years ago when the committee invited local restaurants to take on the food concession.

Poirier said "A Taste of Didsbury", which he heads up, went over

extremely well.
"We had very good comments on it," he said.
A Taste of Didsbury will

continue this year. People will be encouraged to sit down, grab a bite to eat, and listen to some good ol' fiddle music.

The fiddlers part on the Sunday is a full house," said Poirier. "We actually have to

put out extra chairs up at the front because it's standing room only at times

Another big draw this year will be the "factory direct" RV show and sale hosted by Didsbury's own Country Roads RV.

The company's GMs, Tony McSorley and Greg Tebb, have hand-picked products from their dealto showcas

McSorley said the com-pany has already received a warm wel-come from Didsburians and he's "really excited" about the opportunity to join the Trade Show.

"It's going to be great," he said.

Also new to the 2007 Trade Show is a job board, which organizer Joelle Fournier said can benefit exhibitors as wll as members of the public.

With help from the Centre For Employment in Olds, exhibitors can post any positions or opportunities within their companies on the job board.

open to only exhibitors, but of course it's open to anybody to

come in and look," said Fournier.

Fournier said boards have become the norm at the conferences she attends with her hus band and business partner Gerard.

"I just thought, why don't we try it here because we're in such an economy that there's such a shortage in such a shortage in Central Alberta of people and who knows what's out there for some peo-ple," she said.

"There could be jobs that aren't being advertised as well as they could be."

Despite additions and changes, Windsor said the basic purpose of the Trade Show remains the same.

"The more you buy and sell locally, the more the region moves ahead, sup-ports jobs, and con-tributes to the prosperity

of Didsbury," she said.
While there is one exhibitor from B.C. this year, and various others from Calgary, the bulk of exhibitors, 80 per cent, are from within Mountain View County, making it View County, making it "very much a local show," said Windsor.

Putting together an event of this magnitude is easy feat, said Windsor.

There are about 10 people who head up the show committee's various sub-committees and eight local organizations that have at least 10 volunteers working the various facets.

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minute of work that goes into the Trade Show pays off tenfold, because it's become an event that residents are proud to tell their family and friends about

"That in itself is a huge

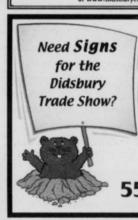
benefit to the communi-

ty," said Windsor.
"That of community pride."

And if it helps bring, and keep - dollars in the community that's even better, she said.

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pinion

Teen girls need to take back control

Smart, pretty, kind, sweet, talented – all adjectives used to describe Stephanie Novak.

Now there's one more: dead. The 18-year-old Calgary girl who was recently found murdered in her home is remembered as someone full of life, so how does that just get taken away? And could it have been prevented?

Friends and family are left grappling with that as Stephanie's alleged killer and former boyfriend, Vuong Minh Vu, 27, faces the justice system.

As Kathleen, 18, watched Stephanie's coffin being placed into a hearse last Thursday, she thought, "that could be me in there."

Kathleen was good friends with Stephanie. She's also my little sister. Two years ago, when Kat and Stephie were 16, it

was Kat who was dating a man eight years her sen-

They met at her high school. He had dropped out of school in Grade 10, but seemed to have no problem attending once he was no longer a student. He didn't have a job, but he did have a car, and he

as charming.

To our family, this "boy" we'd yet to meet was 18 Then it leaked out that maybe he was 19. My youngest sister told me months later that he was in

By then he was calling Kat's cellphone a minimum of 20 times a day "just to check in".

He was checking up; making sure she wasn't with another boy.

An intervention of sorts took place with Kat's family and friends about concerns we had with his control issues

She slowly broke it off.

He kept calling, kept showing up – at school, at home – and she got scared.

Eventually he moved on to a new girl who, inci-

dentally, was also 17 and we never heard from him again.

Kat started dating boys her own age, but soon got

"bored" and moved on to their older brothers.

Now it's her "thing". They take her out for nice dinners, buy her wine. She loves it.

But Thursday was an eye-opener for her. It hit her hard.

Kat and Stephie had a lot in common. They were both honours students, athletes, volunteers, and loving girls. They both took on more than they could handle.

At Stephanie's funeral Thursday, the reverend pleaded to her friends to recognize the signs of relationship abuse and get help if it's happening to

I want them to take that one step further and think about how they might prevent that abuse in the first place

Teenage girls need to think about why a man who is 24, or 27, isn't dating someone his own age.

I can't speak for Vuong Minh Vu because I've never met him, but I can say with certainty that the 24-year-old "boy" Kat was dating wasn't going out with a great girl who happened to be 16.

He was going out with a 16-year-old girl who hap-pened to be great....and naive and easy to control; someone who might be so caught up in his charm that they wouldn't notice the signs or would ignore

Just weeks before Stephanie's tragic death, friends say she broke up with her boyfriend because he was making her "uncomfortable." It may sound morbid, but I hope that vision of

Stephanie's casket being loaded up sticks in Kat's mind, and that she remembers "it could never happen to me" can, and did, happen.

Jodi Styner



Letter to the editor Ask "what's in it for me?"

Re: March 6 Didsbury Review: "...'small town' apprecedented growth.." (cover) and "Speak Up unprecedented growth.. Didsbury" (pg. 4).

sincerely hope the residents speak up for the future of their town as suggested in the noted articles. After living through "unprecedented growth" in Calgary for 15 years and two years in the suburbs of Vancouver the attractiveness of growth has disappeared long ago for me. You must ask your mayor, councillors and Chamber of Commerce what growth means for you as an individual citizen, not just what they see as a bene-

fit for the town corporation.

Municipal councils will immediately quote the grants they will be eligible for from federal and provincial programs and the "value" of an increased tax base with further growth. Sure, these advantages help stabilize the mill rate for a while, but it will go up and so will your taxes, utilities etc. There are always additional costs that go with growth and it seems that municipal governments never have enough vision to plan for

"Growth brings jobs" is another favourite quote of the local politician. These jobs do not serve everybody in the community, only those who own the business and make wages from it. I also know that there are multiplier effects, which create sideline benefits to other businesses as well, but there are many citizens who do not rely on the local economy to survive. These citizens are swept up in the mad rush to expand and may never see any concrete advantage from the expansion.

I questioned a councillor a few months ago why the town needed to expand at all because some municipal governments have put controls on their growth. He must have thought I was blasphemous for saying that because "you can't stop growth". If there is a will there

Be selfish and ask your mayor and council - "What's

D. Vinish Didsbury

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART From fog to sunlight

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

For the Review

Some time ago, driving to the city, it was somewhat foggy. I had gone about 10 miles: the fog had settled in, so I made up my mind to turn back and return home as soon

I made up my mind to turn back and return home as soon as it was possible to make a U-turn.

Then the question popped into my mind, "how far ahead do you really need to see?"

I seemed to respond "at least two or three car lengths" because I could see that distance and I carried on, keeping my eye, as best I could, on the centre line.

Arriving near Crossfield, the sky was clear. The fog had

lifted and the sun was shining.

Are there times in our lives when challenges or pres sures seem to close in around us; when we seem to be able to see only a short distance ahead? When plans have

been disrupted and our path is not clear? When plans have been disrupted and our path is not clear? Perhaps it is then that we need to continue to walk in the light we have, not desiring to turn back, but trusting the "fog" in our particular situation will lift and burn off so that once again we can see clearly, looking ever to the "one" who promised He would "never leave us or forsake us", and who longs to walk with us through the darkness, the fog or difficulties in our lives, and brings us once again into the light. We have a great God.

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- Four Committees of Council were created and scheduled to review issues and information related to ach department within the Town structure and make informed recommendations to Council

Peter Olynyk, of Mountain View County gave a presentation to Council on the Inter-Municipal Development Plan Process and the Annexation

- Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer brought an update to Council regarding the local RCMP detachment. The Didsbury detachment's community plan continues to focus on the prevention of vandalism and drug use. Sgt. O'Dwyer hopes to have four members trained for bicycle patrol before summer.

The rollout cart collection policy was amended and will be made available to residents on the Town of Didsbury website and at the Town office. Council wanted to ensure this policy was ready prior to the arrival of the green bins which are for compostable materials. This policy addresses items that are permitted to be placed in the black and green rollout carts.

- Council referred the 2003-01 Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal bylaw to the Operational Services Committee. The committee will review the bylaw to ensure that it is up-to-date and aligns with the rollout cart policy.

- Bylaw 2007-01 Election Procedures received the

Council briefs

first and second readings. The third reading will take place at the March 20 regular council meeting. The municipal election is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 15. Nominations open Sept.17.

Council approved a late submission funding request for the Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services for the use of the Multi-Purpose Room for March 8 for an information afternoon.

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation provided information to Council regarding changes to the start time for playground zones from 8:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Council approved the purchase of a Columbarium

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- Council received correspondence from Gerard Fournier of For Trees Company Ltd. regarding the cancellation of the tree seedling program sponsored by Alberta Environment. Council will send a letter to Alberta Environment voicing its concerns with the cancellation of this program.



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Tax returns pile up after system shut-down

BY STEPHANIE MYLES

Relief is on the way for people eager to file their tax returns, as the government has announced online filing system will be up and running this week.

Problems with the online service forced the Canada Revenue Agency to shut down the entire system last

The CRA announced yesterday the online service will be available again no later than Thursday.

But people expecting a tax rebate should still be prepared to wait because the influx of tax returns is to cause further delays, said Peter Premachuk of H&R Block in Olds

We know their computers will be able to handle, if they're running properly, whatever push is sent to them once they come online, but they won't have processed anything for a week," he said.

"In a week they might have sent out cheques two or three times, but now they're going to have seven or eight days of returns, so that may cause a further delay."

The shutdown has put the CRA data centre at a complete standstill, said Premachuk. He has about 300 completed income tax returns waiting to be filed and his company can't even e instant tax rebates.

"For us, it's business as usual, but it's people anx-ious for their refunds," he said. "We do have a product where we give people refunds on the spot, and we can't do that because we have to do checks through the government's comput-

Premachuk said the CRA hasn't even been proce ing documents received by

"Even if people mail them in, they're still not going any quicker," he said. "The result of that is, every-

body's waiting." He said the bulk of tax returns are yet to come because the system went down during the busiest

week of the tax season.
"It's like Interac going down three days before Christmas and nobody's able to buy anything," he said.

So far the government says it has no plans to extend its Apr. 30 tax deadline. Officials at CRA have said there is no indication the glitch was caused by a computer virus or security breach, and personal infor mation was never at risk.

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Town-County relationship key to sustainability: Mayor

Water controversy could hold up MOA

BY JODI STYNER AND STEPHANIE MYLES

Didsbury Review

Didsbury Town Council has joined other area municipalities in accepting a Memorandum Agreement (MOA) with Mountain View County, cementing a future rela tionship between the two governments.

Mayor Dorothy Moore town/county dealhave steadily improved in recent years, opening the door for better communication.

"We've come a long way in the last five years with the cooperation with Mountain View County, and particularly in the last two (years), with new councils on both sides," she said. "We've moved forward

faster, I believe, and we we have all the ground work all done, so now when we're moving forthose things taken care

Moore said a positive collaboration will make a difference" in "huge terms of future planning and the ultimate success of the region as a whole

"It's important for the county as well as all the urbans, for us to be able to compete in the global environment as an economic region instead of a bunch of territories," she

'That's the whole idea, that MAP (Municipal Area Partnership) is set up so that everyone will be able to prosper, every-body would have the right to grow and develop and have a sustainable future."

Moore said presenting that positive regional relationship will be important in drawing more people to Didsbury's business community, a key component of council's 2007 Action

"They (business people) will expect cooperation and will find that it will help them prosper."

and Carstairs Olds councils also town accepted the MOA in

principle, but at least one Olds councillor is less excited than Moore about the agreement.

Councillor Warren Smith, who also serves as the director of the regional water commission, is concerned with a particular clause in the agreement.

MOA template states that the town "agrees to support any "agrees to support any request by the County, Sundre or Cremona to become full members" of the Mountain View Mountain Regional Water Services Commission.

Smith said the clause contradicts the water commission's new water

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MAYOR DOROTHY MOORE

water commission such as myself in, really, an untenable situation to have to potentially vote contrary to the best interests of either the commission or one's own council, so I'm not supportive of that," he said.

"I'm going to do what I can to rectify that because it's absolutely that contrary to what I want and what I believe.

Smith said he had asked for the clause to removed from the MOA before Olds town council approved the template at its Feb. 26 meeting, but that didn't happen.

The MOA has been accepted "in principle"

and is still in draft form.

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policy, which states that it will supply water to other municipalities as customers only, not full members, to protect the investment of existing members.

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"It's my belief that that particular phrase would place a director of the

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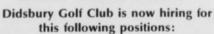
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BY STEPHANIE MYLES

Olds' annual music festival has grown so popular it's starting earlier than planned this year to accommodate every interested per-

The 24th annual Olds & District Kiwanis

Music Festival will wel-come talented students from Central Alberta this week, starting with musi-cal theatre on Mar. 14.

"It has become a really big festival," said Wendy Durieux, festival organiz er. "We are one of the biggest festivals in a town in the province."

Over 110 performers in

this category will dazzle judges with their singing and acting skills - more than double the number two years ago, according to Durieux. She credits TV shows like American Idol, and Olds' own high school plays, with piquing kids' interest in musical theatre.

"That brings an awareness of singing." she "The kids absolutely love to perform in the showcase.'

The popular showcase will cap off the festival's musical theatre portion on Mar. 17, a week earlier than usual. Judges choose 30 of the most entertaining students to perform a musical theatre number.

This year, Durieux said she faced the chal-lenge of welcoming 2,400 performers to the festival, up from about 1,700 last year. While she could've put a cap on the number of entries, she decided not to.

"We're not a competitive festival, our emphasis is on teaching, learning," she said. "We just feel like everybody should have that chance if they can."

The festival continues next week with vocal performances, piano, bands and speech arts.

Students perform for judges who assign a standing and give feedback on each performance

"It's because we have this type of a festival that our standards for our festival are very high," said Durieux. "I have adjudicators tell me this all the time, they come to small towns and they think they're not going to have as high standards, but we have really high (standards) because we have this ongoing

thanks to the Olds Kiwanis Club, which

sponsors the event.

Performances will take place at various churches and community buildings through-out Olds. A schedule of events can be found at the festival Web site, www.oldskiwanis.org/musicfestival.htm, or

Pee Wees and Midgets hold down playoff spots

The Peewees have been the underdogs the whole season. They started off in Tier 4 and at realignment we were moved to Tier 5. They struggled in Tier 5 to begin with, but as the season pro-gressed the kids started playing better and better. They finished the league in third place. In the first round of playoffs they were up against Crossfield, the second place team. The Ramblers won the series in two games. The second round brought the Ramblers The second up against Chestemere, the first place team. In the three timea that the Ramblers faced Chestemere during the regular season they were never able to take the win. The story changed in playoffs with the Pee Wees tak

The first game went in to triple overtime and was won in a shoot out. ond game was in Didsbury and with this win the Pee Wee Ramblers were awarded the Division ed Championship. Championship. The kids played their hearts out. The Wees will continue in playoffs, competing against either Banff or Cochrane for

the League Championship. The Pee Wees would like to thank the Atom players that have come up to play with us when needed, they have been a big help to our success. And finally this success. team would not be where they are today without Bruce Robertson, Chris Reister and Jim Smith. This team has come so far since

the beginning of the season The coaches never gave up on the players and considering everyone thought of this team as the "Bad News Bears" they have come out on top. So what ever hap-pens for the league championship, this little team of 13 players are the Champions: Dylan Wallace, Nathan Groot, Travis Smith, Daniel Graf, Matthew Whidden, Tony Gole, Maija Lappala, Jacob Strautman, Sawyer Topping, Jay Gole, Connor Hanson, Austin Reister and Tylor Coates

Way to go Pee Wees! The Midget Ramblers

won the first round of playoffs against Rockyford in 2 games straight, win-ning the first game 4-3 and winning the second game in a shoot-out. In the sec-ond round the Midgets stand split with Drumhellar with one win each. They will face Drumhellar for the third game this weekend.

A reminder to everyone that hockey registration and the AGM will take place this Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30p.m. in the Hog Line room at the Curling Rink

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CLIFF MURPHY

Colts head coach

BY BARRY WILLIAMS

After taking the first series win against the Cochrane Generals in Heritage Junior B playoff action last week, the Mountain View Colts split a pair of games with the Airdrie Thunder in round

Playing the first game of the best of seven Central Division finals in Airdrie on Friday, March 9, the Thunder scored two unanswered goals in the third period to skate away with a hard fought 5-3

After Dick Turnville notched his sec ond goal of the game to even the score at 3-3 midway through the third period, Cody Wickham blinked the red light giving the Thunder a 4-3 lead, with under five minutes left to play.

With a minute left on the clock, and

Colts' netminder Evan Miller on the bench in favour of an extra attacker, Curtis Anaka scored his second goal of the game into an empty net securing the victory for the Thunder.

Also blinking the red light for the Thunder were Brendan Potekal Ryan Gundlock.

Jeff Clazie rounded out the Colts' scoring with a power play marker early

in the first period.

During the evenly matched game, both teams found it difficult to gain the momentum as the play was constant end to netminders stole the lime-light as they stymied opposition sharpshooters several brilliant

Thunder netminder.

David McIntosh, blocked 30 shots while Miller made 26 saves.

Colts eliminated an early 2-0 Thunder lead to skate away with a 5-2 victory.

After the first ten minutes of play, Colts' netminder Miller stole the limelight as he slammed the door on the Thunder after giving up two goals early in the

first period.

Colts head coach Cliff Murphy praised his players for sticking to the game plan and for never giving up.
According to Murphy,

the Colts are playing with heart, hustle and dedication.

"We won games this several through hard work and determination," Murphy

said, noting he expects the players to play with the same values during the

playoffs.
"In both playoff games the players have played extremely hard right up to the final buzzer.

Because these two teams are evenly matched, I expect this playoff series could last for six games," Murphy added.

With both teams solid between the pipes, Murphy expects the games to be decided by one or two goals

After giving up an early goal in the second game, Murphy said Miller slammed the door on the Thunder and was directly responsible for the victory.

In the opening game, Miller made sev-eral heart-stopping saves and gave the Colts an opportunity for a win.
"This is going to be an exciting playoff

This is going to be an exciting playoff series," Murphy concluded.

The Colts will travel to Airdrie today (March 13) for their next matchup against the Thunder, and then it's back to Didsbury to host the Thunder Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Memorial Compiler.

CPRA strikes three-year deal with PRCA

BY BARRY WILLIAMS

Didsbury Review

After several months of negotiation, the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) has reached a three-year sanctioning deal with its American counterthe Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association

With the new agreement, Canadian rodeos will now have the option of having money won at CPRA sanctioned events count towards the PRCA Jack Daniels' world standings.

"I am ple ed we finally got the deal done," said CPRA president Dale Leschiutta.
"I believe it's something both associations need and it

cements a cooperative approach between the two associ-ations for the future. We have a long-standing history with the PRCA and it's great to see this continue

As a result of the historic agreement, there will be more

spots available for non-resident Canadians at the Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) held annually at held annually at Edmonton's Rexall Place in November

Commencing with this season's CFR, up to seven of the spots available in each major event: saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping and ladies' barrel racing, will be available to non-Canadian residents.

At the Canadian Finals Rodeo, a maximum of five contestants will come from the Canadian standings and up to two more will be eligible through the high-profile Canadian Rodeo Tour.

To be eligible for the Canadian Finals Rodeo through

the Canadian standings, contestants must compete in a minimum of 15 rodeos sanctioned by the CPRA, regardless of citizenship.

For those rodeo hands competing in team roping, an optional major event not part of the Canadian Tour, only five spots will be available to non-Canadian resi-

All sanctioning fees paid by the rodeo committees will

remain intact throughout the duration of the agreement.
Troy Ellerman , the PRCA's commissioner, echoed
Leschiutta's comments.

"We are very pleased to have reached this agreement with the CPRA and we will continue our long-standing partnership," said Ellerman.
"Both organizations and their members will greatly

benefit from this agreement. Everyone involved looks forward to continue to work together and take the sport of rodeo to new heights."

For the rodeos being held in Airdrie, Olds, Innisfail, Sundre and Red Deer, this agreement means they will now have the opportunity of attracting the best cowboys and cowgirls competing in the sport.

And the biggest winner is the rodeo fan, who will be able to watch the best hands compete in arguably the greatest sport in western Canada.

Area kayakers vie for national team

BY JENNIFER WILSON

When you ask Dan Purcell how he got into the sport of kayaking his answer is simple: hockey. Well, maybe it's not that simple. When

Dan was 14, she separated his shoulder playing hockey and had to stop. While hanging out at the arena watching his former teammates, he saw a booth advertising kayaking. So his mom signed

him up for the summer.
When he and his brother Thomas showed up, Dan said, there were no boats for them. The brothers were put in C2, or two-person kayak, and the rest, they say, is history.

The Innisfail brothers are currently the number two ranked C2 whitewater slalom kayakers in Canada and 40th in the world. The current Alberta champions are now headed to Charlotte, North Carolina in April for the Canadian National Team Trials. Dan, a 20-year-old commerce student at Red Deer College, said he's pretty excited to be going.

"I've been training pretty hard so I'm looking forward to it," he said.

He and Thomas leave on April 12 and will do about three weeks of training before the trials are held at the end of the month. Dan explained there will be a series of races over three days. To make the national team, the kayakers' time must be a certain percentage of the

Three boats from each class will make eam Canada, Dan said: three from men's kayak, three from women's K1, three from men's C1, and three C2 boats.

"Hopefully we will make it this year. We've tried for the last two years to make the team," Dan said. "It's hard to say. It's a new artificial course and it's supposed to be really big and really dif-

He and Thomas were the number one ranked junior team for a long time, but Dan said when they became seniors they had "a couple rough years."

Now they sit at a modest number two year the Purcells finished first at the North American Championships in Kananaskis and seventh at the Pan-American Championship in Ottawa. Not too bad for a couple of local boys.

Dan said he and Thomas are trying to make a career out of their sport, but it's hard balancing going to school and work with all the training.
"It's really difficult to fund it and train

full time and actually try to have a nor mal life.

But he said he loves the sport because of the people in it and the challenge of the competition.

"The people in it are really good. I have lots of friends all over Canada and all over the world," Dan said. "I get to travel a lot. I'm very competitive and so is Thomas, we don't like losing.



Community approach needed for youth violence

BY JENNIFER WILSON

Kevin Cameron knows the effects of school violence

He was a counsellor in Taber in 1999 when the com munity was rocked by a shooting at a local school. Cameron was later asked by the provincial government to look at school violence and has since traveled the world gathering information on the topic.

He's now developed a model for schools and community agencies to use when assessing youth who may be at risk. Cameron was in Innisfail recently to speak to a broad range of community groups about his multi-disciplinary approach.

"Residents in communities throughout Alberta are faced with the challenge of violence," said Heather Henderson-Hill, deputy superintendent for Chinook's

Henderson-Hill, deputy superintendent for Chinooks Edge School Division, who hosted the seminar.

"As a result of this societal issue, we are seeing students in our schools who are in need of support. Our schools and our communities work diligently to see students' needs are addressed. We anticipate this one-day seminar will help to coordinate and increase these supports."

Henderson-Hill said one of the main messages of the seminar was that risk

and threat assessment is not just for schools, but is something that is community wide.

"There's always that need to work together as a com-munity because it's not just one individual or one organization that has all the answers," she said. "We all need

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to work together to look at prevention and assessment and to provide support."

Along with school officials, Innisfail police, town representatives, family services and other groups were at the workshop to better understand the different per-spectives on violence assessments. Cpl. Mike Babcock of the Innisfail RCMP has been to several of Cameron's seminars and was pleased the school board had invited

"There is an evolution towards violence. To understand that or see that requires input from a variety of sources."

> CPL. MIKE BABCOCK Innisfail RCMP

He said the main thing he has learned is that "the belief that somebody just snaps and goes on a spree of

violence is untrue. There's no evidence to support that. Babcock explained that according to Cameron's approach, if you collect information from a variety of sources, such as sc police, you can start to see an evo-

lution of violent behaviour in a young person.

"We try to develop a picture of what is happening in this young person's life," he said.



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does, Babcock said, is develop a baseline of behaviour and then determine if there's an evolution in violent behaviour. Police and schools can use that model to determine if and when youth are at risk of increasing their violent behaviour towards others.
"There is an evolution towards violence. To under

stand that or see that requires input from a variety of

Babcock said they learned that violent behaviour has three aspects. The first is behavioural, like if someone bully. The second is cognitive; someone who doe n't have an outward display of violence but internally, the things they watch and read becoming increasingly violent. The third is non-traditional; a person who is normally peaceful but they get pushed to the limit and have an emotional outburst.

Because assessing one's risk of violence can be com-plicated, Babcock said a multi-disciplinary team allows

you to know more about the youth's life.
"Everybody is an empty vessel and awareness of what they're filling that vessel up with also gives us some insight whether there's an evolution towards vio-

Henderson-Hill said that Tuesday's seminar was just the beginning, to "look at how you can begin to form community teams to do assessment." She said they are looking at doing more workshops in the fall.

"The hope is to have community teams who are willing to come to those workshops and then commit to working together," she said.

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Throne speech addresses growth

The Stelmach government says it plans to start addressing growth pressures, including labour and affordable housing shortages in west central Alberta, during the new se of the legislature.

The Tories are well aware of the lack of workers and housing created by the province's unprecedented growth and will be addressing those problems with new legisla-tion, said Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Richard

"These are huge issues and the premier has given a committee 45 days to table a report and that's a fairly short period of time. To me that indicates he's very anxious to start work ing on solutions to that problem," said Marz.

We are also talking about developing our natural resources in the most environmental ly friendly way that's possible. We should have a balance in the development of all types of resources, renewable and non-renewable We are committed to addressing environment

and growth at the same time."

The government's first piece of legislation, the Lobbyist Act, which will create a registry for public scrutiny, is a "step in the right direction", said Marz.

"I think that's something that has been ked for for some time. We're not restricting lobbying, just making it more transparent. We are trying to restrict people from getting a contract and lobbying government on the same issue at the same time, because that is certainly a perception of a conflict of interest," he said

Both the Liberal and NDP opposition parsay Albertans had better wait and see whether the Tories can live up to their prommade in last week's Throne Speech

In the March 7 Throne Speech, which out-lines the government's plans for the new spring session, the government said it will focuses on five priority areas: managing growth pressures, governing with integrity and transparency; improving Albertans' quality of life; providing safe and secure communities; and building a strong Alberta.

"My job, and the job of the provincial gov ernment, is to work hard on Albertans' behalf to ensure a higher standard of living, greater opportunities and an even better quality of life for all citizens of this province," said Premier Ed Stelmach.

In the area of managing growth pressures, the government's plans including creating a "made-in-Alberta solution to labour needs", addressing "pressures on housing, labour, infrastructure and the environment", consult-ing Albertans on the Water for Life strategy, sharing the results of a provincial task force to find ways to make affordable housing more accessible.

The province will also establish greenhouse ion intensity targets for industry under the Specified Gas Emitters Regulation

Under the priority of providing safe and cure communities, the government says it will establish a crime reduction and safe communities task force

Under the priority of building a stronger Alberta priority plans include a review of the resource royalty system, the development of a comprehensive energy strategy, a renewal of efforts to work with municipalities, the development of a surplus management poli cy, and the establishment of a Institute for

Agriculture, Forestry and the Environment. The improving Albertan's quality of life priority will include investment in advanced education to make post-secondary education, trade and occupational training more acces ble to adult learners

The first bill in the new session will be the Lobbyists Act, which the government says will establish a lobbyist registry that will give Albertans public access to information regarding individuals and organizations seekng to influence government decision makers

The Act will also provide information about people lobbying the government and providing paid advice to government on the same subject matter.

"Albertans expect government to operate with transparency and integrity. (The Act) is proof positive that we are committed to lis-tening to the citizens of this province," said Stelmach.

Other legislation includes amendments to the Child Care Licensing Act, which will create a new licensing model that will "focus on producing positive outcomes for children and amilies, rather than on facilities

There will also be changes to the Pandemic Response Statutes, enabling the government to respond in a more timely and effective manner to a pandemic influenza. Related amendments to the Disaster Services Act will enable a 90-day declaration of state of emerency due to pandemic influenza. Liberal leader Kevin Taft said the Stelmach

plan doesn't do enough in the area of long term planning.

'Alberta is at a crossroads. One path will move Alberta forward to a sustainable future with prosperity and a healthy environment for all Albertans. The other is the same old tired Tory trail - a path to nowhere in particu-

"Tm skeptical that Premier Stelmach is going to bring true change. Remember, this is the same Ed Stelmach that was at the cabinet table while government made bad decision after bad decision after bad decision and failed again and again to plan for the growing

conomy."

NDP House leader Ray Martin said: "Rapid development is creating a myriad of problems. Lack of housing, a health care system stretched to the limit and crumbling infrastructure can all be traced to the over heated economy, pace of development and the Conservative's inability to manage.

Province-wide smoking ban will be examined: Stelmach

BY DAN SINGLETON

The provincial government will be examining a possible province-wide public workplace smoking ban as early as this spring, says Premier Ed Stelmach.

In an interview in Olds on Friday, Stelmach was asked if he will revisit the controversial issue in light of calls by some rural mayors for the province to settle the matter Alberta-wide

"We know the issues tied to smoking and vorkplace environments and I am waiting for Minister of Health Dave Hancock to come for-ward with a proposal," said Stelmach.

"Part of the recent mandate letter that I issued to the Minister of Health is to look at all programs that will improve the health of all Albertans. Details will, of course, be in the plan he will be bringing forward.

Any plan for an Alberta-wide ban would have to come before caucus, he said.

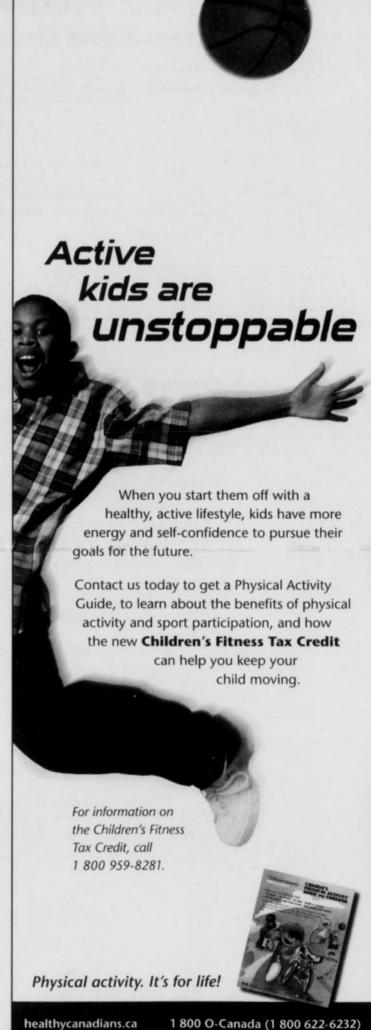
While Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer councils have passed bylaws banning smol ing in all public workplaces, many rural towns including Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, Innisfail and Carstairs continue to allow smoking in bars and lounges

Sundre Mayor Roy Cummings says the provincial government, not individual municipalities, should be dealing with the issue of public workplace smoking bans

"I've always believed that that's a move the province should make so it's common throughout the province of Alberta rather than going into every town where it could be different," said Cummings

In January Minister Hancock said he would be advocating for a province-wide smoking ban that would include bars and lounges.

"If you think second-hand smoke is a seri-ous health problem, then you wouldn't exempt places that expose people to it," said



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Your letters

"Stop Animal Cruelty Petition" politics

Hi, I'm Tamara Chaney, founder of the "Stop Animal Cruelty Petition" which garnered 111,896 signatures all in full support of Animal Welfare Bill C-373. Mr. Thompson, MP, presented my petition to the House of Commons on Feb. 19.

There has been much debate regarding whether Mr. Thompson properly represented the wishes of the petition's signatories. Hopefully I can help clear up some misinformation that has been circulating in media across Canada.

I was personally watching the TV when Mr. Thompson presented my petition to the House of Commons. He absolutely did not, at any time, mention which animal welfare bill (C-373), the petition is in support of; hence, conveniently leaving out which animal welfare bill (S-213), the petition does not support. He also stated there were four petitions making up the 111,896 total, which is correct. There were three other small petitions I received from three separate Canadians wishing their petitions be sent to the House of Commons with mine. These other three petitions were also all in support of effective legislation, former Bill C-50, now Bill C-373. These three petitions contributed just under 300 signatures. Now, because the wording on the other petitions was different from the wording on mine, Mr. Thompson ws apparently instructed to present the petition(s) generically instead of stating all four were supporting Bill C-373; a distraction tactic if Tve ever seen one. Mr. Thompson didn't even state the name of the petition (Stop Animal Cruelty Petition), which has lead to the petition

being called the "Daisy Duke" petition, which is incorrect Mr. Thompson is firmly sticking to his belief that he is

Mr. Thompson is firmly sticking to his belief that he is not misrepresenting the petition, that he wants increased penalties for animal abusers. Mr. Thompson is most certainly entitled to his belief. I, however, know for a fact that he is leaving out numerous essential criteria needed in order for animal abusers to actually be punished with the proposed increased penalties. Bill S-213 does not address the problems presented with our animals being in the "property section" of the law. It does not matter how steep you make penalties, if our animals are considered property you can still do as you please with them, and the animal abusers will continue to fall through the judicial loopholes. A few years ago in Edmonton, there were two young

A few years ago in Edmonton, there were two young boys who tied a dog in a tree and beat it to death with a baseball bat. Because a veterinarian testified the dog died with the first blow, the boys guilty of the crime were not charged because the dog did not endure unnecessary abuse. Bill S-213 contains numerous loopholes – too many to count. Animal welfare laws have not changed since 1892 and the only thing Bill S-213 has to offer is increased penalties. I cannot believe anyone in Parliament, in all good conscience, could support Bill S-213.

I am becoming increasingly frustrated with Mr.
Thompson insinuating Bill C-373 is going after anglers, hunters and Canada's animal industry. Mr. Thompson admittedly stated in the Didsbury Review's Feb. 27 edition, be HAS NOT read Bill C-373. I would like to know how he

could insinuate Bill C-373 is going after anglers, hunters and Canada's animal industry, if he hasn't bothered to read Bill C-373. Let me say this again: Bill C-373 DOES NOT, IN ANY WAY, GO AFTER ANGLERS, HUNTERS, OR CANADA'S ANIMAL INDUSTRY. In regards to Mr. Thompson receiving calls from fishing, hunting and farming groups with uninformed beliefs C-373 will hinder their way of life, I challenge these groups, as well as anyone else concerned with the contents of the two bills, to educate themselves on the bills, actually get their hands on them, in full, study them, and find out the FACTS for yourself.

them, and find out the FACTS for yourself.

Mr. Thompson is saying C-373 is 139th on the list and to have a "nice wait", that it could take up to two years before it's presented to the House of Commons. Let me ask you this: is it better to wait for effective legislation, which will allow the courts to punish animal abusers to the fullest extent of the law, or settle for legislation which will basically offer no significant change? What is the point of passing ineffective animal welfare legislation, which will allow monsters the ability to continue preying on our animals, and when it comes to being punished for their horrific crimes, fall through the ineffective legislation's loopholes? I don't know about you, but I'm willing to wait. I'm willing to fight for the rights of our animals, I want effective animal welfare legislation, which will actually protect our animals and punish animal abusers. As far as there being a huge wait before Bill C-373 makes it the House of Commons, I say, if the House receives enough "encouragement" to push

Bill C-373 to the front of the list, who knows what could happen. Animal welfare Bill C-373 has the support of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, which is all the humane societies and SPCAs across Canada, Bill C-373 also has the support of the Canadian Veterinarian Medical Association and Canada-wide law enforce ment, which is fighting for "Brigs Law" (another name for C-373). I urge you to check out Brigs Law's Web site; it is full of fantastic information! Bill C-373 has the support of countless mem-bers of the "Dogs Annual" magazine, which is full of responsible, registered animal breeders. Bill C-373 has the support of hundreds of animal welfare organizations across Canada, Bill C-373, has the support of 111,896 Canadians and thousands upon thousands of other Canadians who did not have the chance to sign my petition in the three short months it was in circulation. How could all be wrong?

If you support the effective animal welfare Bill C-373, please write to Mr. Rob Nicholson, Canada's Attorney General and Justice Minister urging your desire to truly protect all of Canada's ani mals. Presenting your wishes to MPs, via email or written letters would also be a wonderful way to show your support. I've personally mailed four batches of letters to all of Canada's MPs, over 300 of them. There is no postage required, which is great! If you decide to send one letter or 300-plus, your voice will count. Let's once again join together in our fight to protect our animals. Let's show our government our support for effective animal welfare legislation, Bill C-373. If enough of us speak up, per haps we will urge the House of Commons to push the bill to the front of the list. We can do this!

I would like to thank you very much for your support and help. I know Canada's animals would like to thank you as well.

Yours very truly,

Tamara Chaney Didsbury



TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Didsbury District Health Care Auxiliary is holding its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. in the meeting room of Unit 4 at the Didsbury Hospital. New mem-Phone Joyce (335-3840) for more information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Fresh Winds of March. You are cordially invited to attend Mountainview Women's Christian Continental Breakfast upstairs in the Carstairs arena, on Gough Rd., across from Hugh Sutherland School from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Only \$5 per person.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Spring has sprung!

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remembered by his wife Barb; one son Gord
(Laurie), two daughters Marlene (Guy) and
Lorraine (Daryl); four grandchildren Lauralee,
Tyler, Stacey and Cody; two sisters Joyce(Gill)
and Sharon (Jim); one brother Bob (BJ) and one
brother in law Wayne (Elaine). Also left to cherish Elmers memory are numerous nieces,
nephews and friends. A memorial service was
held March 2, 2007. The family would like to
express a sincere THANK YOU to the Didsbury
Hospital Staff and to Dr. Vervaeck for the wonderful care and attention Elmer received.In memory of Elmer, memorial donations may be directory of Elmer, memorial donations may be directed to the Canadian Cancer Society, 2nd Floor, 215 – 12 Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 1A2. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Olds, Phone: (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.

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er assistants and who have re-lated experience. Resume, complete with the names and telephone numbers of three current work related refer-ences, should be forwarded to:

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For info. on Chinook's Edge School DIV. no. 73, please check our website (www.chinooksedge.ab.ca).
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applicant will be required to provide a criminal record check. While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Resumes of individuals

iduals not granted an iew will not be kept on file

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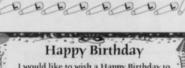
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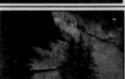
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